

goals; he wanted the class of 2015 to leave a memorable existence. So, he became Class President to lead them to that goal. He was skilled in getting the students to follow his vision and set goals to be achieved as a whole. He often volunteered on community school projects, getting his fellow classmates to join. He told them that it's not only good for the school, but they will be known as the class who gave back, plus they can use it on their college application for community service. Essie led the charge to make their class prom what they envisioned and dreamed, saying they are responsible for making it happen, the school doesn't have a lot of money and prom is a privilege not a right. No one ever knew he had been raising the money for years on his own to go towards his prom. That is amazing for a young person to set a goal that far in advance, stick to it, and carry it out. I called that great resilience. According to his teacher, Ms. Faulkner and I quote, "This senior class has more than doubled what his previous class had managed to raise, all thanks to Essie's determination, dedication, and careful planning."

In addition to that, Essie crafted a plan to increase enrollment in the National Honor Society membership representation of the students at Charleston High School. His plan helped to increase enrollment from eighteen students, when he started, to now, thirty-six. The class goal was forty, they are almost there. Now that's setting the bar again for the next class. I am proud to have Mr. Essie Frost as a citizen of the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Essie Frost, Class of 2015, Charleston High School, Charleston, MS, for his current active role as a student making a difference. Keep the faith. Keep progressing Essie.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LINCOLN PARK EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SQUADRON

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lincoln Park Emergency Medical Services as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. I also want to thank all of the men and women who have given so much to their community through their work on the EMS Squad.

Since May of 1965, the EMS Squadron in The Borough of Lincoln Park, New Jersey, has served their community faithfully and has always answered the call to duty.

Their job is not an easy one in any sense of the word. They are at their best when situations are at their worst. Squad members are state-certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), and they help those who are most in need of medical attention, no matter how big or small the issue. Not only is the work they do remarkable, but what is even more astonishing is the fact that these heroes are all volunteers.

Their task is difficult enough having to take care of one patient at a time. But it becomes

especially daunting when considering Lincoln Park Borough's population is over 10,000, and continues to grow every year. It takes dedicated men and women to go above and beyond the call of duty to serve a community of that size, and there is nobody more capable than those individuals in the Lincoln Park EMS.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing the amazing men and women of the Lincoln Park Emergency Medical Services Squadron.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the following votes on H.R. 1335 due to inclement weather: Roll Call 264: NAY, Roll Call 265: NAY, Roll Call 266: NAY, Roll Call 267: YEA.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL BLACK DATA PROCESSING ASSOCIATES (BDPA)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the National Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) on its 40th anniversary of service to the residents of the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

Founded in May 1975 by Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly, BDPA was formed out of a concern shared by both men that minorities were not adequately represented in the information technology industry. The first BDPA chapter was organized in Philadelphia, PA in 1977. A year later, the second chapter was organized in Washington, D.C., and shortly thereafter, the third chapter was organized in Cleveland, OH. In 1979, BDPA was restructured as a national organization, and has 45 active chapters across the United States.

As the oldest and largest African American information technology (IT) organization, comprised of over 2,000 African-American IT professionals, as well as science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) college students, BDPA's vision is to be a powerful advocate for their interests within the global technology industry. Its mission is to be a global, member-focused technology organization that delivers programs and services for the professional wellbeing of its members.

BDPA continues to promote professional growth and technical development for young people and those entering into information and communication technology (ICT) in academia and corporate America. We also appreciate BDPA and its 45 chapters for continuing to provide ICT opportunities for STEM students and professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the National Black Data Processing

Associates, in congratulating BDPA for its outstanding accomplishments and commitment to the residents of the District of Columbia and around the country, and in welcoming those attending the BDPA Annual National Technology Conference and Career Fair, titled "Evolution of IT—Embracing the Digital Future," on August 18–22, 2015, at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

HONORING GREENHILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable historical church Greenhill Missionary Baptist of Marks, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under, Rev. Alvis Pryor, Jr.

Greenhill M. B. Church was organized in 1909. The original building was a small one room wood frame building located across Highway #6 between the towns of Belen and Marks, MS in the county of Quitman. This building was destroyed by a storm.

A man by the name of Jessie D. Andrews heard about the loss of the church and sold them two (2) acres of land for the sum of One Dollar. The land was deeded to Sam Jones, Pleas Thomas and John Henry, who were Deacons and Trustees of the church. This land was sold with the understanding that it was to be used for church purposes or burial grounds or both and should it cease to be used for the before mentioned purposes, the land would be reverted to Jessie D. Andrews.

After acquiring the new land (present site) with only a few members remaining, another single room wood frame building was constructed. The new church was built by Alexander Gates, George James, David M. Gates, Epsie Morgan, Sr. and other men within the community. The church was built through donations made by church members and others under the leadership of the first pastor, Rev. M. O. Jude.

During the 106 years of Greenhill's history there have been a total of 11 pastors; some with short tenures and some with long tenures. Some made a great impact on the church and community and others kept the church moving forward.

Under the leadership of Rev. C. J. Carson, (5th) pastor an annex was added which included, pastor's study, kitchen/dining room, deacon's/secretary room and bathrooms.

Rev. Luster C. Tyler served as the (8th) pastor. During his tenure the church was again remodeled. He served a total of 25 years the longest serving pastor so far. He was often referred to as "the Mississippi Hooper".

In 2007, Rev. Curlye Relliford was elected as (10th) pastor. Even though his tenure was less than two years the annex was torn down and rebuilt into a beautiful modern structure.

Greenhill has always served as a beaconing light in its rural community setting. The church takes pride in ministering to the whole person. Special attention is given to the needs of the youth, aged, and underprivileged. Considering the fact that Greenhill is a small church we are proud of the fact that traditionally many of its

members have gone to college and became public school teachers. Presently about 50% of the members are less than 21 years old. So with God the future of Greenhill is bright.

Rev. Alvis Pryor, Jr. was elected as eleventh pastor of Greenhill M. B. Church in May 2009. Under his leadership, the church has continued to grow spiritually due to the continuation of weekly prayer meetings, Bible Study, Sunday School and the visitation of the sick and shut-in. Pastor Pryor has been very instrumental in the growth of this church through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and some of his most notable accomplishments are: Instituting a plan to liquidate the mortgage on the church, the beautiful church sign (which was purchased by the first family), additional Sunday school teachers and assistants have been added, he is responsible for instituting an Annual Youth and Youth Coordinators Retreat in July, annual fellowship dinners sponsored by first family, fifteen passenger van and hired a full time musician.

Unfortunately, when there's life; death too will come. Throughout the past 106 years, as you can imagine, there's been many warriors to make the transition of life. As history reveals, Greenhill has steered through an array of obstacles. Whether great or mediocre, God's word continues to prevail. So today, they are humbly thankful for 106 years of existence and service unto the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Greenhill Missionary Baptist Church for its dedication for serving our great people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote yesterday because of the death of a close friend. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call #264—NO, Roll Call #265—NO, Roll Call #266—NAY, Roll Call #267—AYE.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D&L FLORIST

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th anniversary of D&L Florist in Houston, Missouri.

Since opening its doors in 1990, D&L Florist has been serving the Houston, Plato, and Licking communities, bringing smiles to the faces of area residents in times of sadness and in times of celebration.

As a family owned and operated business for 25 years, D&L Florist appreciates the importance of customer service and connection to the community. The service, products, and community spirit of Sheri and her team make D&L Florist such a special part of our area.

For the many years of service and commitment to serving others, it is my pleasure to recognize D&L Florist of Houston before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 267, 266, 265, and 264, I missed votes due to severe weather in Washington, DC, causing my flight to be diverted to Norfolk, Virginia.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on 267 and no on 266, 265, and 264.

CELEBRATING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Pequannock as it celebrates its 275th Anniversary.

On March 24, 1740, Pequannock was proclaimed one of three townships in colonial Pequannock County. At this time, Pequannock was one of the largest municipalities in the region. Though it is celebrating 275 years of existence, Pequannock's history extends as far back as the 1600s when European settlers first arrived to the region. Deriving its name from the Lenni Lenape word 'Paquettahhuake,' meaning "cleared land ready or being readied for cultivation," Pequannock Township has embraced the notion of growth and prosperity. The township is home to more than 15,000 people and was ranked among the top fifteen places to live in New Jersey in 2013.

Pequannock boasts a rich history and played a key role during the Revolutionary War. Both Comte de Rochambeau and George Washington utilized the town to house troops during the war. Pequannock is also home to the Mandeville Inn, which was built in 1788 and owned by former Vice President Garret Hobart. Even after the Revolutionary War, the township played an important role in American history. During the Civil War, Pequannock functioned as a stop along the Underground Railroad. Many runaway slaves stopped at the Giles Mandeville House in their pursuit of freedom.

Today, Pequannock Township is an ideal place to raise a family. Home to three elementary schools, one middle school, and its own high school, the township understands the importance of education for all of its students. Students living in Pequannock learn from wonderful educators and have the ability to take advantage of many extracurricular activities. For example, students attending the Pequannock Valley School presented 'Mulan Jr.,' a play based on the Disney-hit Mulan.

In addition to its superb educational programs, Pequannock Township offers many recreational facilities that people of all ages may enjoy. Boasting three parks, including a dog park, members of the Pequannock community have the opportunity to enjoy a leisure stroll or bike-ride. One can also enjoy Woodland Lake, where boating and fishing is commonplace. Pequannock further takes pride in the Pequannock Township Women's Golf

League, where over 150 women participate in golf outings throughout the year.

To celebrate 275 years of prosperity and cultivation, Pequannock Township plans on hosting several different events. On May 25th, Pequannock will hold a parade commending and honoring American veterans and their contributions to America's success. This parade will feature an additional float devoted to the township's anniversary, and a presentation created by the Pequannock Township Historic Commission honoring American veterans. In addition to the parade, Pequannock will host a street fair, "hoe-down" and an open house at Pequannock Valley Park. These events will occur throughout the summer season and will assuredly make the 275th Anniversary one to remember.

I commend the people of Pequannock Township for their dedication to ensuring that their township remains a wonderful home. Pequannock continues to serve as a model community and will undoubtedly continue to flourish for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Township of Pequannock as it celebrates its 275th Anniversary.

HONORING ST. MATTHEW M. B. CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Matthew M. B. Church of Jackson, Mississippi.

In 1900, Rev. Jack Hill called a group of people together for the purpose of worshipping God. It was in a brush harbor located at Trips Crossing (the intersection of Northside Drive and North State Street) there a band of baptized believers decided to follow Rev. Jack Hill. This was the beginning of St. Matthew M. B. Church.

Rev. Hill led some spiritual followers that had been responsible for the survival and progression of St. Matthew. History is not clear of the number of years that early leaders were with the growing Christian followers.

The church was later moved to Terry's Place (the present location of Watkin's Elementary School) under the leadership of Rev. Johnnie Harris. At this site, Rev. W. L. Jordon took the reign of leadership and completed the construction of the newly relocated building.

Terry's place was on 16th section school land and had to move. The congregation was faced with finding a new location for church service. With God's blessings and determination the congregation began searching again.

Approximately in 1927 or 1928, Rev. J. D. Hayden became pastor of St. Matthew and purchased deeds for the present location. It was the hope of the members that this would be a permanent place. Rev. Hayden accepted a calling from another church and was succeeded by Rev. W. M. Creshon. Under Rev. Creshon's sixteen years of service the Church was rebuilt and rapidly became one of the most progressive black churches in the City of Jackson.

During the late 1940's, St. Matthew M. B. Church served as part of the New Hope Public